

Strange and Wonderful News

FROM

EXETER,

Giving an Account of The Dreadful Apparitions

That was seen by Mr. *Jacob Seley*, of *Exeter*, on
Monday, September the 22th. 1690. who gave
the full Account to the JUDGES the
next day, who were going the *Western*
Circuit.

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EXON, Septemb. 29. 1690.

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ALL the Discourse in our Town is concerning Mr. *Seley's Journey*. On *Monday, the 22d. of Sept. 1690.* at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon he took Horse for *Taunton* in *Somerset-shire*, and he took *Hinton Clift Road*, and so for *Black Down*; and at a publick House called *Cleston*, where the Coach and Wagons usually lodge on that Road, he stop'd some time and called for a Pot of Beer and a Noggin of Brandy, and then went towards *Taunton*: On his Journey he met with a Country like Farmer, being about 7 or 8 at Night, and the Country like Farmer perswaded Mr. *Seley* to ride back a Mile, and a half to lodge, telling him there was very good Quarters; but at his return he supposed it to be about 3 Mile, and then he brought him to a Plat of Ground near the House, and the like Country Farmer and his Horse vanished away, and immediately near a 100 or 2 appeared to him Men, Women and Children, some like Judges, some like Magistrates, some like Clergy-men, and some like Country People, and the Country People had Spears who made at him, and then he made use of Scripture, but they made him no Answer; then he did abjure them, *In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the*

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Holy Ghost, for it is written, *The Seed of the Woman shall bruise the Serpents Head*; and over his Head they hung something like a Fishing Net. And by Mr. Seleys Account the bigness of the Plat, wherein he was confined, was not above 4 Yards over. At last he lighted off his Horse, and his Horse laid his Nose over his Shoulder as if he had been a Christian, and as he observed they gave his Horse something like to Treacle; then he let go his Horse and never saw him afterwards. After this he walked up and down from 9 at Night till 4 the next Morning, but at several times being assaulted he thrust at them with his Sword, but could find nothing but Shadow, though at length he perceived a Man was cut and his 4 Fingers hung by the Skin, and that a Woman was cut in the Forehead, and then he saw them shake their Heads at one another, and the Blood did appear upon his Sword. After this they brought along 10 Funerals one after another, when the last came by he Questioned why they confined him in that place, they made him no Answer. Then they dragged along 2 Persons by the Hair of the Head, that they look'd as if they were both then Slain; then they came up in a Body thrusting at him again, and he drew his Sword at them, but knows not whether he hit any, and this sort of Skirmish continued all Night, and in the Morning he returned to *Coldstock*; and the Judges then were at that House going to *Wells-Sizes*, it being *Thursday* that they went out of *Exon*, and Mr. Seley gave the Judges an Account of the Transaction; and then returned to his own House at *Exon*, and gave this Account publickly to his Neighbourhood.

If any one desires to be satisfied further of the Truth of this Relation, they may come to Mr. William Brown, a Shoemaker, at his House next Door to the *Windsor Castle* at *Charing-Cross*.

'Tis Remarkable that the House where Mr. Seley eat the Roast Beef, which is the same House where the supposed Farmer would have him go back to Lodge, was one of *Monmouth's Men*, and Hang'd on the Sign Post; and the spot of Ground where Mr. Seley was confin'd, being not far from the House where several of them were Buried that were Killed, and Executed on *Monmouth's side*, and goes by the name of *Black Down*.

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